

NEW PLAYERS MAKE THEIR DEBUT

Wycombe Wanderers 3, Moor Green 0

WYCOMBE WANDERERS used 14 players in their third pre-season trial at sunlit Loakes Park on Saturday when they easily defeated Moor Green from the ranks of the Midland Football Combination.

After the opening 20 minute period Moor Green posed Wycombe hardly any problems and the game gave manager-coach Barry Darvill the opportunity of introducing some of his close season captures.

The biggest impression made by the newcomers was the showing of goalkeeper John Pratt who played throughout the whole 90 minutes. Pratt's sound positional play and safe handling was the outstanding feature of the game. He demonstrated to perfection how a good goalkeeper can narrow the angle for a opposing forward to aim at with quick foot-work.

USEFUL ASSET

Another of the Wanderers' newcomers, Lou Temel slotted into the defence without any difficulty at right-half for the second 45 minute period and looks as though he will prove a useful asset.

A Tony Horseman penalty in the 33rd minute gave Wycombe the advantage at half-time. Thomas carved out the opening for Samuels to head the second in the 65th minute — and six minutes later Baker gave Horseman the chance to add a third.

Two other players not known to Loakes Park patrons also appeared. Phil Payne, who gained a Cambridge University blue, started the match at centre-forward and was switched to outside-left. Payne was obviously lacking some match practice and was noticeable only in brief spells.

A local youngster from Hazlemere, Graham Trendell, took over the outside-left spot from Honeyman for the second period but could not make a great impression. For the remaining 20 minutes Steve Freeman, who spent last season with Reading, deputised for Samuels and although he ran everywhere it is perhaps a little too early to judge him on such a brief appearance.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Pratt; I. Rundle, C. Gale, B. Baker (L. Temel), V. Faulkner, D. Thomas, L. Merrick (P. Payne), K. Samuels (B. Baker), P. Payne (A. Horseman), A. Horseman (K. Samuels), S. Freeman, D. Honeyman (G. Trendell).